

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SHERPA HOUSE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center for winning the Golden Rotary's 2022 Ethics in Business Award.

Each year, the Golden Rotary Club awards one for-profit company and one non-profit organization for their outstanding ethical behavior and leadership. The community is asked to nominate organizations whom they think display the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. Winners are then chosen by students in an Ethics class at the Colorado School of Mines.

As a longtime, local restaurant and cultural center in the heart of Golden, the Sherpa House has a history of welcoming residents and customers from across the region to discover the wonders of the Himalayas and learn about the history and customs of Sherpas. This establishment has served as an exhibition of the vibrancy and depth of Sherpa and Nepalese culture since 2009. Despite being a small company, they contribute substantially to the Golden community and have been a true ethical beacon for businesses. It's clear the Sherpa House owners and staff care deeply for the Nepalese community in Colorado and in Nepal and want to share that vibrant culture with the community.

Congratulations to the Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center on receiving this award from the Golden Rotary Club and I thank them for their ethical leadership and ongoing contributions to our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
MAXIMUS CLOSSON ON HIS  
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-  
TARY ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Maximus Closson of Northwood, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Max's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only

offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Max brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Northwood High School in Northwood, Ohio, Max participated in student government, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Max was involved with cross country and track and field, earning varsity letters in both. I am confident that Max will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maximus Closson on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Max will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

## RECOGNIZING THE CRAIG FAMILY

### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. Since 1947, the Craig family has run Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q, dazzling De Valls Bluff with mouthwatering pork sandwiches dripping in the secret family sauce known for its hints of apple and bell pepper.

Lawrence Craig, a former cook on a Mississippi River boat and his brother Wes opened the restaurant in 1947. Now with three generations of the Craig family maintaining the barbeque tradition, Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q was recognized as a 2019 Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner.

Craig's offers slow-smoked meats covered in curated levels of spicy sauces, perfected coleslaw, ribs, and burgers that will make you feel like you are in Southern barbeque heaven. A local favorite, duck hunters frequent the family-run establishment that was also recognized as a 2020 People's Choice Nominee.

For a blast of flavor and unforgettable taste of the South, visit Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q.

HONORING JEFF SIMERING ON RE-  
TIREMENT FROM THE COUNCIL  
OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, last month, one of the most impactful and con-

sistent forces in urban education policy retired. Jeff Simering stepped down as the Director of Legislative Services for the Council of the Great City Schools, ending his fifth decade of working to improve schools in urban school districts. His impact on education, and especially those who have taught and learned in our urban schools, has been immeasurable.

Jeff had been with the Council since 1994, where he directed the federal legislative activities of the Council, worked with federal agencies, and advised member school districts on the implementation of national legislation. Prior to joining the Council, Jeff operated a consulting firm that aided school districts and worked directly for Chicago Public Schools. Jeff received his law degree from the University of Baltimore.

Jeff fought for urban schools to get the resources they needed for decades. While at Chicago Public Schools, Jeff worked with some of the legislative titans of the time—Sid Yates and Dan Rostenkowski—to ensure Chicago Public Schools had the resources to support its students and teachers and foster diversity. Throughout the 90s and beyond Jeff was one of the preeminent experts helping guide Congress on how best to target federal education funding to the school districts which needed it the most.

Jeff provided counsel to Members of the Education and Labor Committee for decades. His advice helped inform us on how to target resources and pursue reforms to strengthen schools. Most importantly his advice assisted us in producing more effective legislation. For instance, Jeff was instrumental in helping the Committee construct funding formulas that ensured school districts with concentrations of low-income children in rural, urban and suburban America received their fair share of resources.

Jeff fiercely represented his clients—urban schools and the children who attend them. And above all, Jeff knew how to help the Committee come to a bipartisan consensus on issues. For example, Jeff's assistance led to bipartisan agreement on multiple Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorizations, including the Improving America's Schools Act in 1994, the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001, and the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015. His work also influenced the reauthorizations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 1997 and 2004, and the Career and Technical Education Act in 1998 and 2006.

Best wishes to Jeff on his retirement. His knowledge and approach will be missed. I hope in the coming months and years, he will be able to spend more time with his family, play tennis, and ride his Harley.

I thank him for all he has done to support our Nation's schools.

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HONORING ALDEA CHILDREN AND  
FAMILY SERVICES**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aldea Children and Family Services in celebration of the organization's 50 years of service in Napa and Solano counties.

Aldea has specialized in helping people who face financial, mental, cultural, and other barriers in their lives. The organization provides mental health services, transitional housing, child welfare services, and substance abuse services in Napa and Solano counties. The dedicated workers at Aldea assist our communities through three main offices, various outpatient therapy clinics, and over 30 co-locations, including schools, primary healthcare facilities, and community-based organizations.

Aldea incorporated in 1972, opening its first group home which served as a residence for six teenage girls. Two years later, it opened the Redwood Residential Treatment Center to house eight teenagers. In 1982, Aldea expanded its services to adults with developmental disabilities who live independently. A few years later, Aldea grew by opening a group home in Solano County. In 1987, Aldea yet again expanded its services by becoming a licensed private Foster Family Agency.

In 2007, Aldea began offering Intensive Treatment Foster Care for children with severe behavioral and mental health issues. Later, the organization began offering substance abuse prevention and treatment services for youth in Napa County. Aldea was certified by the Council on Accreditation for their effective programming and organizational management in both 2012 and 2016. This honor is achieved by only one percent of human service agencies in the nation.

Aldea Children and Family Services grew from a group home for adolescents to a multi-service organization that serves over 3,900 people each year, providing necessary services that help patients reclaim their lives.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Aldea Children and Family Services have served the people of Napa and Solano counties well for over 50 years.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN CLINE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 127.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
ETHAN COLLINS ON HIS OFFER  
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND  
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ethan Collins of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ethan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ethan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Upper Sandusky High School in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Ethan participated in student government, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Teen Ambassador Board. Throughout high school, Ethan was involved with golf, swimming, and tennis, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Ethan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ethan Collins on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ethan will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY JAMES NELSON BAILEY RECEIVING THE 2021 ROBERT JACKSON EURY MEMORIAL AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Deputy James Nelson Bailey on receiving the 2021 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

Chief Bailey began his career with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office in 1995. He worked in the Detention Center for two years before becoming a member of the Patrol division in 1997. It was not long before his expertise and quick success led him to be promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2002 and Patrol Lieutenant in 2006. After twelve years of dedicated service as Patrol Lieutenant, he was appointed Chief Deputy in 2018. Chief Bailey is a certified polygraph examiner having graduated from the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and Polygraph Institute. He also re-

ceived his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University.

Chief Bailey's hard work and staunch work ethic have long promoted service of the highest quality to further assist the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office benefit all in our community. In addition to such dedicated service, he is an active member of his community outside of his role as Chief Deputy. He is the Past Master and current Secretary of Allen-Graham Masonic Lodge No. 695 in Kannapolis, NC. He is also a member of both the Oasis Shrine and Cabarrus Shrine Clubs where he held the position of Treasurer. Chief Bailey is married and has two children and five grandchildren.

The Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in the line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Chief Bailey fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Chief Deputy James Nelson Bailey for receiving the 2021 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award. We all wish him well as he continues to make a positive impact in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF RAGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Student Council of Ragland High School.

In October, the Council, led by President Jaxon Phillips, called for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund the Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project, known as "STEM."

Trains often block Ragland's only grade crossing, cutting the town in half for hours. This blocks first responders and school buses and causes disruptions for student attendance and learning. The STEM Project would eliminate these disruptions.

At the Student Council's urging, I have engaged with U.S. DOT to support this project. I had hoped funding for this project would be announced by Secretary Buttigieg before the school year ended. While the final decision is still pending, I want these young leaders to know their voices have been heard in Washington. I will continue to support the STEM Project.

Madam Speaker, I call upon Secretary Buttigieg to fund this worthy project. I include in the RECORD the text of the Council's resolution of October 25, 2021.

STUDENT COUNCIL, RAGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLUTION

October 25, 2021

WHEREAS, The Town of Ragland has been home to the National Cement Company, Inc. since July of 1910; and

WHEREAS, The National Cement Company requires a large percentage of products to be transported via the railroad, owned and operated by OrnniTRAX and ATN, which intersects Alabama State Highway 144; and

WHEREAS, The railroad is prone to cause major delays of traffic that might include means of transportation for school, such as school buses, student drivers, and teachers, as well as emergency vehicles, hindering the response of local first responders in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2019, the National Cement Company made an investment of \$250,000,000 in a kiln expansion project that is set to be completed by December 2021, drawing in 132 new jobs, as well as pouring a foundation for the National Cement Plant to remain in operation for another 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Such an expansion is projected to increase cement production abundantly resulting in the necessity for transportation of products via the railroad and Alabama State Highway 144; additionally furthering the traffic delays along with impeding first responder's ability to respond; Be it Therefore

RESOLVED, That the Ragland High School Student Council, in meeting assembled, calls on the Federal Railroad Administration Acting Administrator Amit Bose, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Congressman, Mike Rogers, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, and U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville, to promote the "Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project"; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, That the Ragland High School Student Council, in meeting assembled, formally endorses and acknowledges the urgency for supporting the "Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project".

#### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF RYAN GETZLAF

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, we honor the career and achievements of Anaheim Ducks captain, Ryan Getzlaf, and we celebrate his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Getzlaf has played his entire 17-year career in the National Hockey League with the Anaheim Ducks, the pride of Orange County. He is the team's all-time leading scorer, with over 1,000 points, across over 1,150 games and appeared in three NHL All-Star games. He, along with only 13 other players in hockey history, has earned two Olympic gold medals and a Stanley Cup championship.

With 12 years as Ducks captain, Mr. Getzlaf's leadership stands out both on the ice and in our community. He led the Ducks Learn to Play Program in addition to several other charitable initiatives including the Annual Getzlaf Shootout to raise funds to cure Duchenne muscular disease.

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, Mr. Getzlaf played his final NHL game on home ice, in front of a sold-out Honda Center.

Ryan Getzlaf has cemented his legacy with the NHL and in Orange County. He retires as one of the mightiest Ducks of all.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
BRENDAN DEGRYSE ON HIS  
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-  
TARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Brendan Degryse of Bryan, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Brendan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Brendan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Fairview High School in Sherwood, Ohio, and Four County Career Center in Archbold, Ohio, Brendan has participated in 4-H, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Brendan was involved with golf and archery, earning a varsity letter in both. I am confident that Brendan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brendan Degryse on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Brendan will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER BILL  
DUPLISSEA

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend from the Bay Area, the late Honorable Bill Duplissea, who served in the California Assembly, worked as a well-known lobbyist, and served on numerous boards and commissions throughout his life.

At a young age, Bill displayed leadership and ambition both on and off the football field playing for multiple universities, in the Canadian professional football league, and then becoming a businessman with dry cleaning and truck trailer companies.

Although Bill had been a Democrat, he ran for office as a Republican in 1986, and won, becoming one of the last Republicans to represent the Bay Area. Although he only served one term, Bill continued to make an impact in

the halls of Sacramento by serving on various boards and positions, including as administrative director for the state's Division of Workers' Compensation under Governor Pete Wilson, and as an appointee to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Bill will always be fondly remembered for working across the aisle and lighting up any room he walked into with his joy and charm.

Bill later became a lobbyist who was known for being a fair and upfront advocate for his clients. Public servants and lawmakers trusted Bill because he provided balanced perspectives into his clients—being honest about both the good, and the bad. Among other things, he represented the pawn shop industry, taking a business that might be hard to put a positive spin on and making them feel more relatable and human. Bill was dedicated to his craft and made sure members knew all parts of his clients, including by conducting numerous site tours. Bill was a strong advocate for small businesses and issues related to veterans.

Bill's dedication to policy was also reflected in his commitment to his family and appreciation for sports. Bill enjoyed spending time and going on trips with his wife, Sharon; daughter, Eleanor; and son; Bill.

Bill was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and a unifying public servant. He is affectionately remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and community.

Today, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Honorable Bill Duplissea. I am proud to have called him a friend. May he rest in peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOANNA  
ANDERSON

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Joanna Anderson on her retirement after 35 years of devotion to higher education. Dr. Anderson is retiring from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri after nine years of serving as the school's president.

Dr. Anderson received her doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis in 2010 from the University of Missouri; her Master of Science degree in Education Curriculum and Instruction in 1998 from William Woods University; her Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Journalism in 1978 from the University of Missouri; and an Associate of Arts degree in 1976 from Trenton Junior College (now North Central Missouri College).

Dr. Anderson was unanimously elected by the State Fair Community College Board of Trustees to serve as their fifth president in July of 2013. Prior to her work at State Fair, she was vice president of student services at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming for six years. Dr. Anderson's incredible career also included time at North Central Missouri College where she acted as Dean of Student Services, Director of Public Relations, Director of Admissions, and an adjunct instructor over several years.

Known for her leadership in expanding State Fair Community College's academic programs and athletics, Dr. Anderson has truly been one

of SFCC's greatest leaders and biggest cheerleaders. Dr. Anderson's passion and devotion to higher education cannot be overstated. She has strived to be a source of support to all faculty, students, and staff within the SFCC family.

While she will be missed, I know she is looking forward to returning to her family farm in northwest Missouri and spending more time with loved ones. I commend Dr. Anderson for her hard work and dedication. I thank her for her years of selfless devotion to education, and I wish her the best in her much-deserved retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DENNIS GALLAGHER

#### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congressman JOE NEGUSE, to recognize one of Denver's most beloved public servants, Dennis Gallagher, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 82.

Dennis's lifelong passion for wanting to change people's lives for the better can be traced to his earliest days. Born in north Denver in 1939, just as the Great Depression was ending, to first generation Irish American parents, Dennis saw firsthand the hard struggles many families faced merely trying to survive. And those early experiences shaped him. He felt called to a life of constant learning, teaching, and advocating on behalf of others.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Regis University in 1961, Dennis set out to Washington, D.C., where he earned his master's degree from Catholic University in 1967. Afterwards, when he returned home to Denver, Dennis began working as a professor at his alma mater Regis University, where he would spend more than 40 years teaching and mentoring students in speech, classical languages, persuasion, and media.

Early in his career as an educator, Dennis also discovered he could positively affect people's lives through politics, so he ran for office and won. First elected to Colorado's state House of Representatives in 1970, Dennis spent two terms representing his community in the state House before moving to the state Senate where he would serve the people of his district for the next 20 years. As a senator, Dennis notably worked to pass the "Gallagher Amendment" to the state's constitution, a policy that set limits on property taxes for homeowners and renters. Dennis eventually went on to serve his community as a member of the Denver City Council beginning in 1995, and then as the city's auditor starting in 2003, a position he held for more than a decade until his retirement in 2015.

Everyone who knew Dennis, including each of us, could describe him in at least two ways. First, Dennis was a larger-than-life figure who never hesitated to speak his mind or make friends with someone new. It cannot be overstated that Dennis was extremely well known, not just in Denver but across our state as well. In fact, the power of Dennis's outgoing personality was key to his success in public serv-

ice. At every level of government that he served, Dennis earned the respect and support of both his colleagues and his constituents.

Second, anyone who knew Dennis could tell you he was deeply proud of his Irish heritage. He was famous for hosting St. Patrick's Day celebrations, complete with musicians and step dancers. And though he maintained close ties with Colorado's Irish community, Dennis always made room to learn more about people from different backgrounds with diverse perspectives.

Truly, there will never be another Dennis Gallagher. Those of us who knew him well are grateful for the time we got to spend with him, and we will be forever thankful for his service to our community. He was a legendary leader, teacher, and friend to all of us, including me and my family.

As our community mourns the loss of a true giant, we offer our heartfelt condolences to Dennis's family and friends, especially to his son Daniel Gallagher and his brother Tim Gallagher. Dennis Gallagher will be sorely missed, but it's quite clear that his legacy will endure for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE JONES FAMILY

#### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. Since 1910, the Jones Family has owned and operated the award-winning and nationally recognized Jones BBQ restaurant in Marianna, Arkansas. Today, owner James H. Jones, the great-nephew of founder "Uncle" Joe Jones, continues to serve mouthwatering barbeque and a secret family barbeque sauce to customers who come from as far away as England, Germany, and even Yemen.

However, the secret to the success of Jones BBQ is in the simplicity. Mr. Jones, 4 times a week, places multiple pork shoulders on the grill in the back of the restaurant, leaving them to smoke for 10 to 12 hours. Then, he wakes up early the next morning to prepare them for customers and serves the barbeque until he sells out. If you do not get to Jones BBQ before noon, there is a good chance all the barbeque will be gone.

Jones BBQ is so beloved by customers, that in February 2021, when the back half of the restaurant burned down in a fire, the community rallied around Mr. Jones and raised over \$100,000, allowing Jones BBQ to reopen by Memorial Day.

In 2012, Jones BBQ became the first restaurant in Arkansas to receive a prestigious James Beard Foundation Award. In 2017, Jones BBQ was recognized as an Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner and in 2020 was a People's Choice Nominee. Then recently, Jones BBQ found themselves on the New York Times favorite restaurant list for 2021.

Believed to be the first black-owned restaurant in the South, Jones BBQ is a staple of the First District of Arkansas. I encourage anyone passing through to stop by and give Jones BBQ's nationally acclaimed offerings a taste—they will not regret it.

#### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF A SERENDIPITY CAKERY AND ICE CREAM SHOPPE

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize A Serendipity Cakery and Ice Cream Shoppe in Riverview, Michigan, on the occasion of their 10th anniversary. Their decade spent as a staple of our community is worthy of commendation.

A Serendipity Cakery was born in the kitchen of Tammie and Alan Bachran in 2012, where Tammie spent her days baking sweet treats for eager friends and family. As demand for her specialty baked goods grew, they opened a storefront in Wyandotte, Michigan in 2015. A household name throughout the Downriver area, A Serendipity Cakery moved to their current, larger space in Riverview, Michigan in 2019. This new space allowed Tammie and Alan to expand their business, offering more treats than ever before and opening a space for guests to host birthday parties and other memorable celebrations.

Among the desserts that A Serendipity Cakery offers are custom cakes, cake drops, cupcakes, and a variety of chocolate-dipped items. Their special cake drops are known to sell out quickly and customers can choose from over fifty flavors. Despite being a busy bakery with cakes coming in and out each day, A Serendipity Cakery still has time to give back. They have adopted families through their "Adopt a Family Fund" and frequently donate their baked goods to local auctions and fundraisers, including for those battling cancer and for The Lincoln Center in Wyandotte, Michigan, that serves students with autism spectrum disorder and cognitive and emotional impairments in local schools. Their work goes beyond just baking and providing delicious treats for our downriver families, including my own—Tammie and her team help uplift their neighbors and spread awareness for various causes close to their hearts. For that we are a stronger community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 10th anniversary of A Serendipity Cakery and Ice Cream Shoppe in Riverview, Michigan. Please join me in congratulating them on a fantastic decade of business and in wishing them the best of luck in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHARLES M. DUKE, JR.

#### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Charles Moss Duke, Jr. and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 16's mission to the moon.

Charlie was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on October 3, 1935, to Charles and Willie Duke. Raised in Lancaster, South Carolina, he attended Lancaster High School and later transferred and graduated as valedictorian and

senior class president from the Admiral Farragut Academy in Florida. He then attended the Naval Academy where he played golf and received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Upon graduation in June 1957, Charlie was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He served three years in Germany as a fighter interceptor pilot and logged over 4,000 hours of flying time. He also attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he received a Master of Science degree in aeronautics and astronautics.

In April 1966, Charlie became one of 19 astronauts selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He went on to serve five different Apollo missions to the moon. In addition to serving as a backup lunar module pilot for *Apollo 13* and *Apollo 17*, Charlie served as the Capsule Communicator for *Apollo 11*, the first landing on the moon. He also served as the lunar module pilot on *Apollo 16*, which was the first scientific expedition to inspect, survey, and sample materials from in the Descartes region. During this mission, Charlie became the tenth and youngest person to walk on the moon. Charlie ultimately logged over 265 hours in space. He retired from NASA in December 1975 and went on to enter the United States Air Force Reserves.

After thousands of hours training to go to the moon and finally setting foot on it, Charlie came back to earth with a new goal. With a renewed focus on his family and faith, Charlie became a committed Christian in April of 1978. Shortly after, Charlie and his wife, Doty, started the Duke Ministry for Christ.

Charlie also became a successful businessman. He owned a thriving Coors Beer distributorship in Texas and later pursued real estate ventures. His subsequent business ventures include serving as the President of Orbit Corporations, working as a consultant for Lockheed Martin, serving as chairman of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, and much more.

Charlie has exhibited determination, courage, and tenacity throughout his life. He has exceeded expectations in public service, highlighted by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades. For example, Charlie was named South Carolina Man of the Year and was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame in 1973. He has also received numerous honorary degrees, including an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from both the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. Charlie was also inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in 1997.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Charlie for his extraordinary career. Charlie is a living legend and has made our state and Nation proud. I thank Charlie for his exceptional service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ANDREW S. CLYDE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I was illegally detained at the pointless metal detectors leading to the House Floor.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127, H.R. 7314.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
PAYTON HILDEBRAND ON HIS  
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE ACADEMY

#### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Payton Hildebrand of Findlay, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Payton's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Payton brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, Payton participated in Student Leadership Team, Junior Scholars, and was a member of Career and Tech National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Payton was involved with soccer as well as travel team soccer, earning his varsity letter through Findlay High School's team. I am confident that Payton will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Payton Hildebrand on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Payton will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamations regarding Holocaust Remembrance Day:

Joint Resolution Designating April 28 and 29 of 1979 as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust". Whereas six million Jews and millions of other people were murdered in concentration camps as part of a program of extermination carried out by the Nazi party during World War II; Whereas the people of the United States should recognize that all acts of bigotry are rooted in the cruelty of spirit and the callousness that led the Nazis to commit atrocities against millions of people, and should dedicate themselves to the principle of human equality; Whereas the people of the United States should recognize that tyranny creates the political atmosphere in which bigotry flourishes, and should

be vigilant to detect, and ready to resist, the tyrannical exercise of power; Whereas on April 28 and 29 of 1945 the Armed Forces of the United States liberated the surviving victims of Nazi internment in the concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, and revealed to the world evidence of a tragic human holocaust that must never be forgotten; and Whereas the Nazi concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, is not only a shocking symbol of Nazi brutality and destruction, but also a symbol of the danger inherent in tyranny, the pernicious quality of bigotry, and the human capacity to be cruel: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 28 and 29 of 1979 are designated as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such days with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Approved September 18, 1978.

PRESIDENT CARTER DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST STATEMENT ON SIGNING H.J. RES. 1014 INTO LAW—SEPTEMBER 18, 1978

I have today signed House Joint Resolution 1014, designating April 28 and 29, 1979, as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust."

The systematic extermination of millions of human beings by the Nazis during World War II was the most terrible crime in all recorded history. In the words of the resolution, the Holocaust remains "not only a shocking symbol of Nazi brutality and destruction, but also a symbol of the danger inherent in tyranny, the pernicious quality of bigotry, and the human capacity to be cruel."

The resolution was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress. This reflects our Nation's wholehearted conviction that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten.

Senator John Danforth of Missouri, whom I commend for having originated the resolution, chose April 28 and 29, because it was on these dates, in 1945, that American troops liberated the Dachau concentration camp. The dates chosen by Senator Danforth and embodied in this resolution thus aptly symbolize both the horror of genocide and the imperative to fight against it.

During the next few months, the President's Commission on the Holocaust will study ways in which this commemoration can best be observed, and I will issue an appropriate proclamation next spring. In the meanwhile, I wish to commend Senator Danforth, Representatives Wright, Rosenthal, Rhodes, and Vander Jagt and their colleagues, who joined in securing passage of H.J. Res. 1014.

COMMEMORATING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, this week we will commemorate the 47th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon and we also remember the sacrifices that were made in the name of democracy.

After communist forces destroyed the Republic of Vietnam on Black April in 1975, thousands of families were forced to flee, and

many of them settled in Little Saigon in Orange County. In the nearly 5 decades since then, Orange County has transformed because of the resilience and hope of the Vietnamese community. I am proud to cosponsor a House Resolution in remembrance of the sacrifices of the brave Vietnamese people who were forced to flee their homeland and to commemorate the Fall of Saigon.

As we begin AAPI Heritage Month, I am also proud to introduce a House Resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of over 2 million Vietnamese Americans. The United States is home to the largest number of individuals of Vietnamese descent outside of Vietnam, and I join in representing the largest Vietnamese communities in the nation in Orange County, California.

Today, Vietnamese Americans contribute to American society through their work in business, education, science and technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, gastronomy, the armed forces, and public service at every level of government.

Vietnamese Americans add to the rich cultural and religious diversity of our nation. As a member of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus, it is critical that we continue to represent and celebrate our Vietnamese families, friends, and neighbors, and recognize their significant contributions to American society.

Today, we remember the sacrifices that Vietnamese immigrants made, and we celebrate their contributions and achievements to our great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for the extraordinary progress made over the last four decades to help individuals have families who without this progress could not. National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989 by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association is the largest public awareness campaign that addresses the public health issue of infertility.

Most Americans are not aware that one in eight, or nearly 7.4 million Americans are impacted by the disease of Infertility. The disease affects both men and women and it knows no barriers—it affects individuals of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic statuses.

Since 1978, as a result of extraordinary medical advancements, millions of couples have been able to receive life-affirming treatments to become pregnant. While for most of us having a child is taken for granted it is a painful and devastating struggle for millions of couples throughout the world.

Research scientists have been making significant advancement of Infertility treatments including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments are incredible. Organizations like RESOLVE, the Military Family Building Coalition, the National Infertility Association, and the Alli-

ance for Fertility Preservation advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need help to have a family. Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, has testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service-related injuries have rendered them infertile. There are also others such as Joyce Reinecke, Executive Director of Alliance for Fertility Preservation and cancer survivor, who has lent her voice on the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. As a matter of fact, in the absence of coverage, charitable organizations providing valuable, life-changing, financial assistance the option of having children after surviving cancer might not otherwise be available.

Congress can do more to remove many of the barriers that currently exist for those who experience infertility challenges but want to have a child. And I applaud my colleagues including Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Congresswoman BROWNLEY, Congresswoman DELAURO, Congresswoman STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families. I also salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
LUKAS KOENIGER ON HIS OFFER  
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND  
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Lukas Koeniger of Waterville, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lukas' offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Lukas brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Lukas participated in marching band, cross country, and track and field, where he earned a varsity letter. After graduating from Anthony Wayne High School in 2021, Lukas attended the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lukas Koeniger on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Lukas will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I

ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote number 131. Had I been present, on Roll Call vote number 131, I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARDNERS  
CANDIES INCORPORATED

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gardners Candies, a staple of the Central Pennsylvania community, on celebrating one hundred and twenty-five years of operation.

Founded in 1897 by James "Pike" Gardner in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Gardners Candies began operations in a small store along with a wagon that allowed "Pike" to sell candy throughout the region.

For over a century, Gardners has produced gourmet chocolate including their famous, "Original Peanut Butter Meltaway."

In 2021, Benzel's Pretzels and Gardners Candies entered into an agreement to bring together these iconic brands in the production of Gardners' chocolate covered pretzels.

I'm proud of the family sustaining jobs created by the candy making companies in our community. From producing classic treats to creating quality jobs, Pennsylvania is known the world over for its candies and confectioners, and I am proud to have some of the world's finest right here in our community.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Gardners Candies on this milestone and wish them every continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION  
OF MAY 7 AS BRAIN DONATION  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce a resolution to support designating May 7 as Brain Donation Awareness Day.

Today, brain disorder and diseases have a tremendous impact on individual patients and their families as well as the United States health care system. Approximately 100 million Americans are living with a brain disorder and an additional 1.2 million are diagnosed with adult-onset brain diseases or disorders every year. Brain diseases and disorders cost the



U.S. more than \$1.5 trillion per year, a significant portion of which is paid for by the Medicare program. With an aging population, we can expect to see a continual rise of neurodegenerative diseases in the years to come.

Brain research is key to understanding underlying causes of these conditions. The scientific community has made great strides in recent years, but continued investment is needed. Postmortem brain tissue is an irreplaceable resource in neurological studies. However, communities of color and people experiencing poverty are underrepresented in these studies. Overcoming these disparities is critical to producing research results that have an equitable impact.

Brain donation is separate from the routine organ donation process. Educating the public on the distinctions can lead to increased donation that better reflects our communities.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan resolution.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
OLIVIA ACHENBACH ON HER  
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES  
NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Olivia Achenbach of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Olivia's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Olivia brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Olivia participated in student government, Environmental Club, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Olivia was involved with soccer, powderpuff football, and earned her varsity letter in basketball. I am confident that Olivia will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olivia Achenbach on her offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Olivia will excel during her career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

SUPPORTING MOLDOVA

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the civilized world has been unintentionally unified in opposition to Putin conducting mass murder in Ukraine, Putin has unwittingly unified Republicans and Democrats in America. A clear example is Republican support of an op-ed from the Democrat Washington Post by Josh Rogin "West can't afford to neglect Moldova, because Putin won't" being the lead Opinion April 24th in The State paper of Columbia, South Carolina:

WEST CAN'T AFFORD

As the United States and Europe continue to scramble to help Ukraine defend its territory, preserve its democracy and save its economy, they should keep in mind that Ukraine is not the only country in the region suffering due to Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression. Next door, the small country of Moldova is appealing to the West for urgent help and long-term partnership. If we turn away from Moldova, again, we will push it into Putin's arms.

"The Russian military aggression in Ukraine is making every single person in Europe feel less secure and is having a negative impact on every single person in Europe," Moldova's foreign minister, Nicu Popescu, told me in an interview last week in Washington. "And of course, this impact is more negative on Moldova, because Moldova is right there."

Popescu's official title is Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, which should tell us something. The new government in Moldova, one of the region's poorest countries, is trying to break a longrunning pattern of political dysfunction, systemic corruption and malign influence coming from Moscow. The December 2020 landslide election of Moldova's first outright pro-Western president, the Harvard-educated former World Bank economist Maia Sandu, presents the best chance yet to move Moldova firmly into the Western camp.

The Moldovan government has always tried to balance its relationships, for understandable reasons. Russia has 1,500 troops occupying the Moldovan breakaway territory of Transnistria and controls Moldova's energy supply. There is still a large pro-Russian constituency in Moldovan politics, business and society.

But the invasion of Ukraine has changed everything in geopolitics, especially for Ukraine's neighbors who now see that "neutrality" does not protect a small country from being viciously attacked on Putin's whim. The Moldovan government has condemned the Russian invasion, even though Putin's retaliation could prove disastrous.

"Moldova is a neutral state, but neutrality only refers to us not participating in military action," Popescu told me. "We're not neutral when it comes to condemning the aggression. We're not neutral when it comes to defending the principles of international law, which must be respected."

The United States and European countries have been paying more attention to Moldova recently. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited the capital, Chisinau, last month. The United States has given Moldova \$130 million since the Ukraine war started to help with the hundreds of thousands of new refugees spilling over the border.

But that's just a Band-Aid for Moldova's problems.

"We need to ensure socioeconomic stability. We are severely impacted by the war. We are Ukraine's most fragile neighbor," Popescu said. "We've been coping reasonably well with the humanitarian crisis, the refugee situation and the energy crisis. We've been pursuing reforms. But, it's a difficult region."

The question is whether the West's recent increased attention to Moldova will persist beyond the current crisis. Popescu's visit was framed as a new "strategic dialogue" with the United States, but a similar effort during the Obama administration withered away.

There are several specific things the United States could do to cement its commitment to Moldova's long-term stability and success. The Justice Department could do more to go after Moldova's sanctioned oligarchs and their wealth, especially the ones living in the United States. U.S. organizations should double down on helping Moldova continue its reforms and root out corruption. And the United States can help Moldova diversify its energy supply, diluting Putin's leverage.

And while Moldova isn't seeking military assistance, it has a huge and growing need for help fortifying and managing its borders, including the 863 miles it shares with Ukraine. That's perhaps the most urgent effort, because if Ukraine falls, Moldova could easily be Russia's next target. Would Putin actually invade Moldova and try to topple the prowestern government, as he is attempting to do next door?

"We don't know," Popescu told me. "Our task is to be ready for everything."

In conclusion, I am grateful for the committed service of Mr. Eugen Caras, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States of America and United Mexican States.

We stand together to deter war criminal Putin with the courageous people of Ukraine led by President Zelenskyy who has adopted the spirit of the American Revolution "Don't tread on me", "Live Free or Die."

The unity of freedom-loving countries was reinforced by President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia who I am grateful to meet with today. He has courageously cited that the people of Georgia are 100 percent united in "solidarity with Ukraine."

RECOGNIZING EILEEN RHODES  
FOR FORTY YEARS OF OUT-  
STANDING SERVICE TO THE  
BRUCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPART-  
MENT, AND THE GREAT STATE  
OF MICHIGAN

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eileen Rhodes for forty plus years of outstanding service to the Bruce Township Fire Department, and the great state of Michigan.

Eileen has spent more than four decades admirably serving the Romeo/Bruce community. She is a proud graduate of Romeo High School. Eileen started her career as a Bruce Township Firefighter/EMT in the early 80s at a time when few women shared her vision. She

went back to school to earn a degree in fire science and climbed the ranks to Captain. In 2016, after years of service, Eileen returned to school to earn an additional associates degree, maximizing her ability to serve the community.

I sincerely thank Bruce Township Firefighter/EMT, Eileen Rhodes, for outstanding service to her community. I am so inspired by the strong woman she is, and how she represents the very best of American values and community leadership. I want to congratulate Eileen for reaching this career milestone. Bruce Township is a stronger, safer place to call home because of her work. Her community thanks her for her dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.  
DONALD "DON" P. MORSE, D.D.S.

### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Col. Donald "Don" P. Morse, D.D.S. Don passed away on March 24, 2022, at the age of 87. I served under his command while stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) in Germany many years ago. Don influenced my life, and the lives of every other officer entrusted under his command, with his unwavering patriotism and steadfast leadership.

He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Christmas Day in 1934. Don graduated from Ray High School and went to Del Mar College before attending the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. After graduating from dental school in 1959, he commissioned into the Air Force as a dental officer. Don served for 26 years and had many different duty stations, both overseas and state-side. During his last 13 years, he was the Base Dental Commander at various military installations throughout the U.S. and overseas, including Ramstein AFB. Don received numerous decorations for his military service. Among them, were the Chief Dental Badge and Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Air Force, Don was asked to serve as the Dental Health Coordinator for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. He later became the Public Health Administrator for the district, overseeing not only Dental Health services but also the Health Department Communicable Disease programs, Animal Care services, and Occupational Health and Wellness services. Don was instrumental in adding fluoride to the city of San Antonio's water, was the Medical Logistics Officer for Pope St. John Paul II's visit to San Antonio in 1987, and worked with various programs such as Head Start. Throughout both his military and public health careers, Don sat on countless committees, authored several published works, and received many honors.

He took great pride in his country and community, serving on the board of the Beethoven Mäennerchor, one of Texas's oldest German singing societies, for 13 years. Don enjoyed singing, volunteering, and supporting German culture, language, and Gemütlichkeit. He was also passionate about riding motorcycles, a pastime that allowed him to take in the beauty of our nation firsthand. However, time spent

with family and friends was Don's ultimate joy. He loved telling stories with poetic skill and humor, often times in German. Don never met a stranger, and his love for traveling and sense of adventure took him all over the world. He is survived by his wife, Iris Morse; son, Eric Morse; daughter, Lia Connors, and husband, Skip; granddaughters, Isabella Morse, Arianna Morse, Zoe Connors, and Quinn Connors; stepdaughters, Jill Rittmann, Julie Ellis and husband, Jeremy, and Karen Kricka and husband, Simon; step-grandchildren, Geoffrey Rittmann and wife, Katie, Aidan Ellis, Arianna Ellis, Jackson Kricka, Corbin Kricka, and Chloe Kricka. Don is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Suse Morse. He considered all of his family a precious blessing to him.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to celebrate the life of this remarkable American, an outstanding mentor who taught me what it means to be a patriot. Don was a fine military officer and served his country and community with distinction. May God continue to bless his family and loved ones, and my heartfelt prayers remain with them during this difficult time.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
RORY SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF  
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE  
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Rory Smith of Maumee, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Rory's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Rory brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Rory participated in student government, Waterville Historical Society, and was president of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Rory was involved with cross country, swimming, and baseball, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Rory will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rory Smith on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Rory will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM G. MATHER SCHOOL

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their 100th anniversary celebration on May 4, 2022. Through their longtime devotion to their students and community, William G. Mather School has inspired countless students and become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Named after the industrialist and Upper Peninsula iron magnate, the William G. Mather School first opened in 1922. Originally a high school teaching grades 9 through 12, Mather was built as a state-of-the-art facility. Its gymnasium, known as The Pit, is famous throughout the Upper Peninsula for hosting many sporting and social events over the last century, and seats hundreds of local spectators and students. During this historic centennial celebration, we honor the generations of dedicated faculty of William G. Mather and their devotion to educating our local youth. Today, Mather Elementary School continues that legacy of excellence, giving students in the U.P. the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their tireless work educating our youth and their drive to bring positive change to their community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY FAMILY BUILDING COALITION

### HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, this week, we celebrate and bring recognition to National Infertility Awareness week. April is also the month of the military child.

Parenthood is one of the most rewarding chapters in life, and our armed service members experiencing the challenges of infertility should have access to quality care, treatment, and resources. One organization working to make that happen is the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), a non-profit military support organization started by two SEAL wives, Ellen Gustafson and Katy Bell Hendrickson. One of MFBC's initiatives, "The Tadpole Project", allows the NSW community to cryogenically freeze their sperm so conception can occur whenever the service member and spouse is ready to build their family, even if the service member is deployed.

For our military families, the time to have a child should not be dictated by the enemy or deployment cycle. I commend Ellen and Katy on their critical work. They show the grit and determination of SEAL spouses, who just like



their husbands, always accomplish their mission.

RECOGNIZING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL COCOA BEACH "FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND" KIDNEY WALK AND THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, May 7, 2022, thousands of residents from across Central Florida will gather at the Cocoa Beach Pier in Cocoa Beach, Florida, to take part in the Eleventh Annual "Footprints in the Sand" Cocoa Beach Kidney Walk. Katie and I have joined others in our community in participating every year since the first walk was organized in 2012 by Rich Salick, Bill Hahn and volunteers with the Florida Affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation.

The "Footprints in the Sand" Kidney Walk brings our community together to show our love and concern. So many of us have family, friends and loved ones that are afflicted by kidney disease, and they need our strength and support. The road ahead is not easy for them, but as the kidney walk demonstrates, they do not have to travel that path alone.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida, its supporters and activists have made a significant difference in people's lives. They not only raise awareness about this disease, but they have helped push for much needed changes in our laws and new innovations to give patients more treatment options and a better quality of life. This year organizers of the kidney walk will recognize organ donors and their families for giving the precious gift of life so that others could receive a second chance and continue with their lives.

Those recognized include:

Dawn Futch honoring Micheal Futch, Vivien Pogeler honoring Scott Pogeler, Jasmin Persaud honoring Anand Persaud, Jennifer Eden honoring Blake Eden, Mandee Seitz honoring Aryia Grace, Teresa Ervin honoring Timothy Dean Ervin, Shebna Dorsey honoring Andrew Dorsey, Ellen Tuech honoring Geoffrey "Geoff" Wasden, Pat Brown honoring Michael Brown, Mary Carpenter honoring Shawn Carpenter, Tammy Lee honoring Dylan Rowe, Sherri Wilson honoring William "Garrett" Coe, Kathleen Deleonardo honoring Anthony Deleonardo, Monica Beyrooti honoring Seth Beyrooti, Susan Sharp honoring Sean Sharp, Leslie Collins honoring Jose Collins, and Nancy Velazquez honoring Pedro Batista.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

### BLUESTAR RECYCLERS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize BlueStar Recyclers for winning the Golden Rotary's 2022 Ethics in Business Award.

Each year, the Golden Rotary Club awards one for-profit company and one non-profit organization for their outstanding ethical behavior and leadership. The community is asked to nominate organizations whom they think display the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. Winners are then chosen by students in an Ethics class at the Colorado School of Mines.

A non-profit organization, BlueStar works to recycle electronics and other materials and in turn create local jobs for people with autism and other disabilities. Their mission has enabled them to be successful while making a huge impact on our community. There are countless examples of BlueStar's positive impact in our community and high ethical and moral standards. The company boasts some of the lowest turnover, absenteeism, and lost-time accident rates in the industry. Testimonies from employees show a positive workplace environment and personal growth opportunities for all employees.

BlueStar has proven to be a highly successful organization which helps people with disabilities, provides an excellent return on investment for its customers while being environmentally-conscious and giving back to their community. Congratulations to BlueStar Recyclers on receiving this award from the Golden Rotary Club and I thank them for their ethical leadership and ongoing contributions to our community.

### IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and many others for the extraordinary advancements made over the last four decades to help individuals build families who, without this progress, could not do so. National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989 by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, is the largest public awareness campaign that addresses the public health issue of infertility.

Most Americans are not aware that one in eight, or nearly 7.4 million Americans are hindered by the disease of infertility. It affects both men and women and knows no barriers.

Infertility affects all races, religious backgrounds, and every economic status. I introduce this bipartisan resolution to highlight this issue, encourage research, and support all those affected by infertility.

Since 1978, extraordinary medical advancements have enabled millions of couples to receive life-affirming treatments that resulted in the delivery of babies. We must continue this progress and especially work to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in research and treatment. Bringing a child into the world is truly a blessing and should be available for anyone who wants to start a family, no matter their background.

The contributions that research scientists have made to advance infertility treatments—including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments—are utterly amazing. Organizations like RESOLVE, the National Infertility Association, and the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, all advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need help to have a family.

I know from my own infertility experience, that to realize the dream of having children, we must better understand infertility and how it affects individuals and families to advocate for sensible solutions, more effectively.

Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, has testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service-related injuries have rendered them infertile. There are also others such as Joyce Reinecke, Executive Director of the Alliance for Fertility Preservation and cancer survivor, has lent her voice to the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, in the absence of adequate coverage, charitable organizations provide valuable, life-changing, financial assistance to cancer survivors who would like to have children but lack support.

Congress can do more to remove barriers that currently exist for those who experience infertility challenges. And I applaud my colleagues, including Congresswomen JULIA BROWNLEY, ROSA DELAURIO, MARILYN STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for joining me in introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families.

I also salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of creating a family.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 127. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOHN RUST, III ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Rust, III of Monclova, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

John brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending St. Francis de Sales School in Toledo, Ohio, John participated in student government, Toledo Repertoire Theatre, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, John was involved with swim and dive and water polo, earning a varsity letter in both. I am confident that John will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Rust, III on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest

est military training and education available. I am positive that John will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to an unforeseen conflict, I was unable to cast my vote for S. 812. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 138.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the Roll Call vote for H.R. 7372, Protecting Semiconductor Supply Chain Materials from Authoritarians Act (Rep. TITUS—Foreign Affairs). Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I missed Roll Call No. 127. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING THE MURRY AND YOUNG FAMILIES

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. The Murry and Young families of Prairie County, Arkansas have blessed their community with warm service and delectable plates since 1961, when Olden Murry founded Murry's Restaurant of Hazen.

Taken over in 1986 by Murry's son-in-law and protégé, Stanley Young, the family-run establishment was recognized as a 2020 Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner. Young and his wife, Rebecca, continue the legacy of delicious homestyle fare, specializing in fried catfish, hush puppies, chicken fried steak, T-bone steaks, as well as homemade bread, and onion rings.

Regulars describe Murry's as home to "the nicest people ever," where you can enjoy the "best fried catfish in the nation," according to Southern Living Magazine in 2018.

When passing through, don't miss the opportunity to indulge in Murry's widely-beloved bourbon bread pudding, and partake in the family hospitality of Murry's Restaurant.